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GATEWAY IN TRADE FEAR

By Oliver Evans

HIGH street chain Next will leave Banbury town centre in four years if an out-of-town retail park is approved today, the store has confirmed.

But a council report says the Banbury Gateway plan – which could also include a Marks & Spencer – should not be granted by councillors.

It says the plan would have a “significant impact” on town trade.

There is a “high probability” that Castle Quay’s M&S would also close if the scheme, by Junction 11 of the M40, was approved, the report said.

The park is planned on the Acorn Way site of motorsport firm Prodrive, which would move to the nearby former Hella lighting factory.

The ten retail units and three restaurant and cafe buildings could create about 340 jobs.

Planning consultant Clem Constantine told the council that Next’s lease on its Castle Quay store expires in March 2016.

He said: “If planning is granted for the Banbury Gateway development, my client would be willing to commit to the town centre until their lease expiry.”

But M&S said it was “committed” to its “profitable” Castle Quay store and would “complement” the retail park, which would open in 2014.

Castle Quay manager Paul Jackson said the centre would be “greatly disappointed” to lose Next.

He said: “It is our fear that Next would be one of many retailers to pull out of the town centre, which potentially could be devastating for the vitality of the town.”

The Cherwell District Council report says the retail park design is “not of high quality” and should be used for non-retail employment.

And a study said it could threaten council plans to redevelop the Bolton Road area, to include a supermarket.

Prodrive – which employs 398 people – would only move if planning permission is given to the Gateway scheme.

Chairman David Richards said councillors should consider the “positive impact our plans would have on the local economy”.

He said it would create an “important

gateway, attracting additional people to the town centre”. Banbury Town Council backed the plan for a “flagship shopping park” with “prime access” to the M40.

● A council report also recommends councillors approve plans for six warehouses in nearby Overthorpe Road, creating 1,000 jobs.

The town council said Banbury needed a more diverse mix of jobs and the roads could not cope with extra lorries.

It warned it would “destroy Banbury’s last possible access point” for a relief road around the east of the town from Hennef Way to Bloxham Road.

But the district council report said it would “secure a considerable number of jobs”.

The planning committee meets at 2pm.



An artist's impression of how the new Banbury Gateway could look, built on the site of the existing Prodrive HQ

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InBRIEF**Family's life-saving donation**

■ **ANOTHER** secondary school is to get a life-saving defibrillator in memory of a 21-year-old who died from an undiagnosed heart condition. The family of James Bott will this week donate the device to Blessed George Napier Catholic School, Banbury. The town's

North Oxfordshire Academy and Banbury School have already been given the machines and there are plans to donate one to Bloxham's Warriner School. The Banbury resident died in his sleep in 2010 from an undiagnosed heart arrhythmia.

MP's demand for local post office

■ 'Modernisation' plans spark new hope

By Oliver Evans

AN axed post office in Banbury should be reopened under much heralded Government "modernisation" plans, an MP has said.

Local MP Tony Baldry said the 2008 closure of the Grimsbury branch, in Middleton Road, had caused "considerable hardship".

He wrote to a Post Office chief: "Whilst as the crow flies, the nearest point of Grimsbury to the Banbury Crown Post Office is about a mile, my constituents are not crows! And they don't fly!"

The Conservative has written to Post Office chief executive officer Paula Vennells after being told about "modernisation" plans.

The Post Office this month pledged £1.34bn to open 50 new branches, halt closures and refurbish existing counters.

Mr Baldry said: "The decision to close the sub-post office in Grimsbury has caused considerable inconvenience, indeed hardship, to many of my constituents."

Bosses should look at opening a branch in an existing shop, he said.

The branch closed in June 2008 along with counters in Begbroke; Abingdon; Fyfield; Orchard Way in Banbury and Bicester. The Post Office declined to comment.



Banbury MP Tony Baldry

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REPORTING from Banbury Magistrates Court:

■ **Ramond Varney**, 42, of George Street, Banbury, admitted shoplifting two bottles of spirits, valued at £39, from Marks & Spencer, Banbury, on November 26, shoplifting four bottles of spirits, valued at £85.48, from Marks & Spencer, Banbury, on November 27, attempting to shoplift four bottles of spirits, valued at £82, from Marks & Spencer, Banbury, and going equipped for theft on November 28. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay £124 compensation.

■ **Leon Caton**, 20, of West Barr Street, Banbury, admitted criminally damaging a door, valued at £120, and displaying writing, a sign or some other visible representation which was threatening, abusive or insulting and the offence was racially aggravated in Banbury on January 14. Also admitted possessing cannabis (Class B) in Banbury on February 6. Fined £250, a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **Lee Jordan**, 23, of Calthorpe Road, Banbury, admitted possessing cannabis (Class B), in Banbury on December 13. Fined £100, a £15 victims' surcharge and

£40 costs.

■ **Samuel Louthier**, 19, of Edinburgh Way, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in Horsefair, Banbury, on February 4 and criminally damaging a car's convertible roof to the value of £1,500 in Bloxham on November 18. Given 200 hours' unpaid work and told to pay £1,500 compensation.

■ **Oliver Pockett**, 23, of Farbury End, Great Rollright, admitted possessing cannabis (Class B) in Witney on February 4. Fined £175, a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

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Banbury Cake prompts a railway station tidy-up

PILES of rubbish at Banbury railway station are to be cleared up – thanks to *The Banbury Cake*.

Network Rail has said it will tackle rubbish flung on to the banks of the River Cherwell after being alerted by the paper.

Network Rail spokesman Sam Kelly said: "We welcome any information from members of the

public that helps us keep the railway in full working order and in a presentable condition.

"We have a programme in place to regularly clear litter and tidy up the railway, particularly in areas close to railway stations."

She said: "Now we have been alerted to the fact that land by the station is in need of some attention,

we will look to remove litter from this location."

She could not give a date for when work will take place.

Retired teacher Trevor Davis, 67, said the piles of rubbish – some of it faded because it had been there so long – was not a welcoming sight.

Mr Davis, from Great Rollright, said friends from Australia, who got

off a train at the station, were shocked by what they saw.

He said: "They compared it to the drainage canals in Bangkok, which I know from experience are disgusting."

The station is a "gateway" to the Cotswolds through its link to London, he said, adding: "It gives a terrible impression of Banbury."

■ Patients awaiting surgery will be offered stop-smoking classes

Want an NHS operation? Stub out that cigarette

By Amanda Williams

PATIENTS waiting for routine surgery are being told to stop smoking before they go under the knife.

A new policy in Oxfordshire means doctors must enrol patients in "stop smoking classes" while they are waiting for surgery.

Similarly, obese people awaiting surgery are also instructed to lose weight before their own procedures.

BMI is a measure that most people can use to check if their weight is healthy for their height. A BMI of 30 – when the rule kicks in – is classified as technically obese.

Patients are forced to enrol in the stop-smoking classes but health bosses said they would not turn people away from surgery if they did not comply, unless the patient was deemed at risk.

A spokesman for NHS Oxfordshire said: "When a patient is put on the waiting list for elective surgery, their GP practice will receive notification from the hospital that the patient must be referred to the practice's 'stop-smoking advisor'."

"All patients on the waiting list for elective surgery should be encouraged by their GP or practice nurse to participate in a 'waiting list' smoking cessation programme in order to improve the outcomes of their surgery and

minimise the potential for complications." The policy was introduced this year.

It comes after NHS Hertfordshire, which caused controversy last year by banning hip and knee operations for patients with a BMI over 30 and for smokers until they quit, has extended the policy to all routine surgery.

Hertfordshire's new policy, introduced in January, "blocks any patient with a BMI over 30 or a smoker from being referred for all routine surgery" except in neurology, cardiac and any surgery to do with cancer.

NHS Oxfordshire said the same policy did not exist locally and there were currently no plans to introduce something similar.

But its new "enhanced recovery" programme was welcomed by patients.

Jim and Kathleen Woodall, from Chadlington, smoked almost a million cigarettes between them before stubbing out their habit for good two years ago.

But they vowed to change their ways when 66-year-old Mr Woodall suffered a heart attack.

Mrs Woodall said: "I think, because of the anaesthetic, it sounds like a good idea to be generally healthier."

"Some people may think: 'Well, if I am having an operation on my leg, what's that got to do with it?'"

"It may be that giving up just before going for a major operation might be a difficult time



Jim and Kathleen Woodall have given up after smoking more than a million cigarettes between them

to do it, but I'd definitely recommend people go try and get all the support they can."

A Department of Health spokesman said: "Decisions on treatments, including suitability for surgery, should be made by clinicians based on what is best for the patient."

InBRIEF

Run nets £1,000

■ ABOUT 300 people took part in the annual Banbury Run to raise charity cash. Sunday's 15-mile event from Spicebryd Park took in villages like Cropredy to raise £1,000 for Katharine House Hospice

Nursery scheme

■ A WOODLAND day nursery and dance studio at Bloxham Business Centre should be approved, a council report says. Cherwell District Council planning officer Tracey Morrissey has recommended councillors give a green light to the plan. Some 235 people work at the centre. The council's planning committee will be asked to make a decision today.

Drugs charge

■ A 37-year-old man has admitted drug dealing. Samuel Whitehead, of Edmonds Road, Banbury, appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Friday. He admitted one count of possessing 279g of cannabis (Class B) with intent to supply on October 14 last year. Whitehead was bailed to be sentenced on Friday, April 13.

Hospice raised

■ A £200 for Adderbury's Katharine House Hospice. Banbury music shop One Man Band raffled an acoustic guitar at this month's showcase at The Mill Arts Centre, where music producer and session guitarist Chris Gibbons performed.

Museum's relics

■ BRONZE axes that date from about 1,000 to 800 BC have gone on display at Banbury Museum. The 13 axes were found in a field in Chipping Warden. The hoard is on display at the Castle Quay Shopping Centre museum until May 3.

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InBRIEF**Woman 'took revenge'**

■ A NINETEEN-year-old woman has been found guilty of taking revenge on a witness. Chelsea French, of Howard Road, Banbury, was convicted by jurors on Monday after denying she had harmed Gabrielle Haire, on September 1 last year. Her co-accused Jenna French, 26 and Jason McMurray, 30, both of School View, Banbury, were acquitted of the charge and an alternative charge of actual bodily harm. Chelsea French will be sentenced on April 2.

Website's stars

■ OXFORDSHIRE County Council's website has been given three out of four stars in a national quality test. The website, which was re-launched in 2011, was given the ranking in Socitm's "Better Connected" assessment. Socitm is the membership association for all information and communication technology professionals working in local authorities and the public sector. Since the website's re-launch in September there has been an average of 7,700 visits per day compared to 4,350 in 2007 – a 78 per cent increase.

Residents' fury at civic U-turn on painting yellow lines**Council draws the line on parking schemes****By Oliver Evans****TRANSPORT bosses have run out of cash to fund new yellow lines.**

Oxfordshire County Council's Mike Horton said the coffers of the transport department were empty because of the squeeze on civic finances.

The news has incensed residents fighting for parking restrictions in Nursery Drive, Banbury.

The council had approved the plan to put down yellow lines, to include nearby Nursery Lane, but have now said that the work will not be done because of cuts and a "severe reduction" in resources.

John French, who got 91 out

of 104 homes to sign a petition calling for the yellow lines, said: "It would only cost 50p a metre. It seems an odd reversal after the three years we have been trying to get traffic restrictions. There must be some money.

"You can't drive down the road for parked cars."

The council said that it had to approve a "traffic regulation order" before lines could go down, costing about £2,500 in legal fees and advertising each time.

But costs could rise if residents objected, as proposals then had to be re-advertised and consulted on.

Mr Horton, the principal traffic engineer, said: "Because of the budget cuts, the county council no longer has any budg-



Oxfordshire County Council transport chief, Rodney Rose

et to fund new waiting restrictions.

"We are wholly dependent upon external funding."

This could come from cash given by developers, as part of deals with councils to get planning permission for schemes, he said.

The council's transport chief, Rodney Rose, said: "It is a matter of priorities.

"With reduced funding, I want to spend the money on maintaining the highway rather than the secondary bits of highways responsibility, like double yellow lines."

Cuts are vital to tackle the deficit, he said, with no cash for new yellow lines being funded by the council until at least 2013.

He added: "We have to get

beyond this, otherwise it becomes another Greece."

The council is cutting £119m out of its £950m-a-year budget from 2011 to 2015 because of a drop in cash from Government.

● Alyas Ahmed, the Conservative county councillor for Banbury Neithrop, said he would look at using his locality budget to fund the yellow lines in Nursery Drive.

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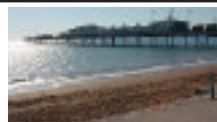
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Incentive to boost dental appointments 'Voucher' offer for check-ups

By Amanda Williams

HEALTH bosses have launched a dental "voucher" scheme to encourage more people to get their teeth checked.

It comes after some patients complained the reason they did not go to a dentist was because it was too expensive.

Throughout March, people can apply for a voucher worth £17.50 for a free check-up at a local NHS dentist.

Nicky Wadely, is deputy head of Primary Care Contracted Services at NHS Oxfordshire, which is running the programme.

She said the trust had carried out research that showed the young adult group, aged between 18 and

30, were put off going to the dentist until they had problems with their teeth because they thought it was too expensive.

Ms Wadely said: "This age group typically have to decide what to spend their limited funds on

"This is about encouraging people to get a check up before they experience problems.

"If you leave it too long, it could be more expensive in the long run."

In 2006 there were 298 Oxfordshire NHS dentists, with 49.5 per cent of the population (299,592) being seen at least once by an NHS dentist in the previous 24 months.

In 2011 the number of Oxfordshire NHS dentists had risen to 354, and 53 per cent of the population had seen an NHS dentist in the last 24 months – 331,699 people.

NHS Oxfordshire made a bid to win the money from central Government. It has been given around £200,000 to run the scheme across both Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Ms Wadely added: "Finding an NHS dentist in Oxfordshire is easier than you think.

"We are keen to encourage people to take up the opportunity for a free check-up by applying for a voucher if they have not seen a dentist in the last two years."

Children and people in receipt of certain benefits can access dental treatment free.

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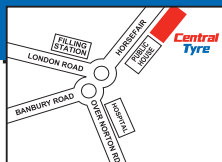
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More girls have implants but fewer under-16s get pregnant

Rise in teen contraceptive injections

By Amanda Williams

THE number of schoolgirls in Oxfordshire who have been given a controversial contraceptive implant has risen by 50 per cent in three years.

In 2009, 46 girls under the age of 16 were implanted with the powerful mix of hormones, designed to alter their menstrual cycle to prevent pregnancy.

By 2011, the figure had risen to 69 – despite all of the girls being under the legal age of sexual consent.

The number of girls being given a contraceptive injection, has stayed roughly the same with 25 girls under 16 opting for the method in 2009, compared to 23 last year.

Oxford Health, the county's community health trust, said the implant operations were not carried out in schools.

But they confirmed the option to have an implant was offered to schoolgirls via school-based "Bodyzone clinics" and there was no legal obligation for the girls' parents to be informed.

An Oxford Health spokesman said: "The Oxfordshire Contraception and Sexual Health services are provided at our clinics, known as

'bodyzones', which are based at schools and run in partnership with school nurses, and through an outreach worker who contacts girls following a referral.

"The service prides itself on providing crucial support to young people, along with accurate information and advice.

"Girls are always treated with respect and are referred to the appropriate services.

"The work that is taking place within the C&SH service is part of the teenage pregnancy strategy, which has been successful in reducing the number of teenage pregnancies in Oxfordshire."

Last year 26.1 per 1,000 women in the county, aged between 15 and 17, became pregnant.

In 2005, figures stood at 34.1 per 1,000.

The contraceptive implant is inserted into girls' arms and works to temporarily prevent pregnancy by releasing hormones into the blood.

It is typically 4cm long and is inserted under the skin.

But under strict "patient confidentiality" rules, all staff involved in the procedure are banned from seeking the permission of parents beforehand. They are also banned from informing them afterwards.

One local cleric said: "I would much rather girls felt able to have a conversation with their parents, but I also understand that sometimes that is not possible.

"A school nurse isn't mum, but it's better than not having anyone to talk to."

RIGHT: Only when the contraceptive implant be seen



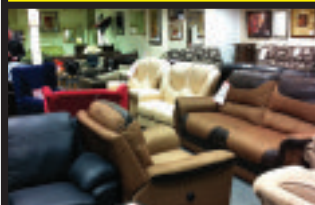
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Fun planned for half-term

■ HALF-term activities will be held at North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury and Warriner School, Bloxham, next month. Cherwell District Council has organised sports and arts sessions from Tuesday, April 10, to Friday, April 13, from 9am to 4pm. The sessions will cost between £15 and £19. For details: email liam.didcock@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221803.

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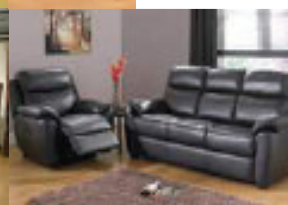
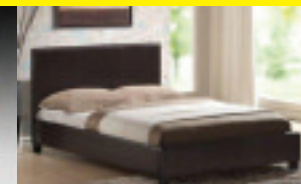
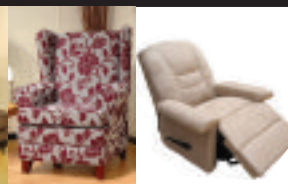


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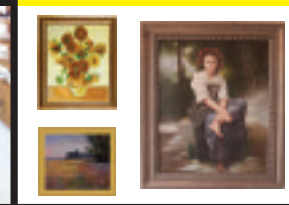
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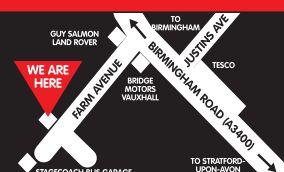
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Canal planning guard

■ A CONSULTATION exercise over plans to give protected conservation area status to part of the Oxford Canal has been extended.

The public debate looking at protecting the stretch of canal on the Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire boundary will close on April 16.

Conservation area status means extra planning tests would have to be met for any development in the area. For information visit tinyurl.com/79olcm3

A sign of the times

SIGNWRITER Les Edge has added Banbury Town Council to the list of clients he has had in the past – which included Diana, Princess of Wales, and the Tate Modern.

The town resident, who runs Edge Signs at Beaumont Business Centre, has been adding captions to portraits hanging in the town hall.

He added Diana's initials

to her Louis Vuitton suitcases, repaired gilding on The Queen's Coronation Coach and added licks of paint to No.10 Downing Street and the British Museum.

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Les Edge, pictured with his paint-brush in hand

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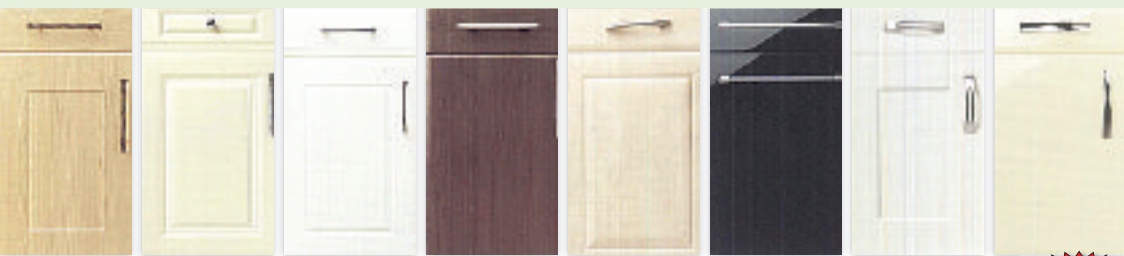
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Third man still on the run Prison for baseball bat attack

By Thom Airs

TWO men who took part in an attack involving a baseball bat and a knife have been jailed – but a third man involved remains on the run.

Frederick Lawrence was hit over the head so hard that the baseball bat broke. He was then stabbed six times in the back, puncturing a kidney.

Dale Biddle and Kevin Silva were sent to prison, after appearing at Oxford Crown Court on Friday having earlier admitted causing actual bodily harm.

Silva, 32, was the man to swing the bat, while 23-year-old Biddle did not strike a blow but went along "as extra muscle", prosecutor Tim Boswell said.

The knifeman, however, was part of Biddle and Silva's group but has never been caught.

The incident took place in Rotary Way, Banbury, in April after Silva received a phone call telling him Nicole Asiedu was in danger and Mr Lawrence had a knife, the court heard.

Silva, of Warwick Road, Banbury, has 28 previous offences including ABH, battery and affray.

Biddle, of Waller Drive,

Banbury, has one conviction for causing grievous bodily harm in 2009 when he broke a man's jaw in a drunken fight. He was then given a six-month jail term, suspended for two years, which had been breached by his participation in this latest attack.

Gramham Bennett, defending Silva, said: "There is dispute over what exactly happened, but there's no doubt he believed the information he had been given by Miss Asiedu on the phone – that she was being threatened, she was in danger and a knife had been mentioned."

Tom Kenning, defending Biddle, said: "His involvement is limited. He did not strike any blow."

Mr Kenning said Biddle runs his own jewellery and antiques business, which employs his father, mother and grandfather.

Judge Patrick Eccles said: "Both of you, together with that other man, went in a group to his home."

"You, Kevin Silva, were in charge, you had armed yourself with a baseball bat and even if you feared that Miss Asiedu needed protection, what you did was nonetheless an unlawful and unacceptable reaction."

Silva was jailed for 15 months, Biddle for four months.

Award for housing project

A HOUSING scheme, which was built with the help of unemployed youngsters, has won a top award.

The Miller Road Young Person's Housing project was named the UK's most innovative local authority project at the Local Government Chronicle magazine's awards in London.

Cherwell District Council was among the organisations which got young apprentices to work on

the Bretch Hill project. The development of ten one-bedroom maisonettes which was named Donaldson Court after the late Connexions worker Julie Donaldson, opened last month.

Ms Donaldson was a "life coach" for the project.

Council housing chief Debbie Pickford said: "This project gives a positive example of how young people can turn their lives around."



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■ New book reveals unique local insight into a whole world in conflict

Captured: Wartime tales of a village

Twenty-year-old Deddington baker, Sid Berry had never been much further than the county boundary when he volunteered for the Navy, but spent four perilous years aboard some of the most famous ships of World War Two.

Now Sid's story, and those of hundreds of other young servicemen, women and evacuees from one tiny Oxfordshire parish, have been put together, in *A Parish at War*, a military record of three Oxfordshire villages – Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

The book, by Michael Allbrook and Robert Forsyth,

FROM making bread in a village bakery to feeding sailors in war-ravaged seas, Deddington-born Sid Berry was just one of a "fleet" of local young servicemen and women whose stories now feature in a unique new book. Debbie Waite reports.

gives a unique insight into how the parish's "youngsters" found themselves thrust from their everyday lives, into the horror of war.

Names, service details, photographs and experiences from Waterloo to the recent war in Iraq are covered, with accounts of the Home Guard, the Women's Land Army & Timber Corps, the Royal Observer Corps, WVS, Narrow boats, and of how the parish managed the evacuees who came to live there.

Co-author Rob Forsyth, a retired nuclear submarine commander, now 72, and living in Deddington, said: "The book contains tales of incredible courage, of love and of how a whole generation of young people risked their lives, without question, for their country."

"I didn't appreciate just how matter-of-factly the average young service person – who had

probably never travelled further than Banbury, found themselves in strange and exotic places such as the sands of Africa or jungles of Burma.

Researching the book took four years, and last month Forsyth and Allbrook presented a copy to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Research Centre Library.

Colonel Tim May, vice-chairman of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, called it "an invaluable reference work for us in years to come".

A Parish at War costs £10 and is available from Deddington Library and Banbury Tourist Office.

All proceeds will go to the Deddington branch of the Royal British Legion and will be eventually used to provide a memorial to the men who died in WWI but whose names do not feature on the War Memorial.



ABOVE: Sid Berry, proudly wearing his war medals and the white beret of the Arctic Convoy Association
RIGHT: Sid in his 1940s battledress



Navy cook Sid Berry



The village baker who saw Bismarck sink

Sid Berry was born in Hudson Street, Deddington. Because he started his working life as an apprentice baker at Course's Bakery, he was made a cook when he volunteered for the Royal Navy in September 1940.

Nothing in his life had prepared him for the four years of near constant warfare at sea that followed.

His first experience of this was on board HMS Mashona, which joined the hunt for the Bismarck in the Atlantic. Sid recalled seeing shells from HMS Rodney, destined for the Bismarck, passing overhead.

Shortly after seeing the Bismarck sunk, Mashona was ordered back to Plymouth. But en route she was attacked and sunk by German Focke-Wulf aircraft.

Sid told how when he came to the surface after jumping overboard, he

thought he had gone blind. In fact his cork lifejacket had ridden up over his head!

But he was not rescued until after dark and then spent six weeks in hospital with an injured leg.

Sid then served on HMS Ashanti, which carried out escort duties for numerous Arctic convoys bound for Russia.

After long days fighting monstrous seas, bitter weather and air attacks, the sailors of east-bound convoys arrived in Archangel to find little recreation on offer – except joining their Russian hosts in heavy drinking competitions.

In August 1942 HMS Ashanti was sent to the warmer – but no less dangerous – waters of the Mediterranean to take part in Operation Pedestal. This was an attempt to run 50 merchant and naval ships past a

gauntlet of German and Italian aircraft, E-boats, minefields and submarines and bring much needed relief to besieged Malta.

It has gone down in military history as one of the most important strategic victories of WWII and saved Malta, but was achieved at a cost of more than 400 lives.

At Action Stations, when there was no cooking to be done, Sid helped out with ammunition supply to an anti-aircraft gun in an exposed position on the upper deck.

In early 1944, Sid volunteered for the submarine service thinking this might be safer. He joined HMS Selene in the Far East and transferred to HMS Vivid in July 1945 to return to the UK.

In 2004, at home in New Street, Deddington, Sid made audio recordings of his naval experiences and

recollections of village life for the Deddington Online website (www.deddington.org.uk).

He took part in every Remembrance Day march through the Market Place until his death, at the age of 86, in December 2006.

His 52-year-old daughter, Janet Macey, now lives in Sid's former home with her own family.

She said: "Dad brought my two brothers and I up after our mum died. And he was a very good cook!"

"But he didn't really talk too much about the war until he got older. Like most, he had never travelled far before joining the Navy, but he was very proud to have witnessed the Bismarck being sunk. He was pleased to have someone take down his memories and transcribe them for this book. We all miss him a great deal."



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■ Experts tell of concern after UK's two driest winters on record

Drought fear for our wildlife

By Damian Fantato

CONSERVATIONISTS in Oxfordshire say the drought has already had a noticeable effect on the county's wildlife.

It comes as the Environment Agency warns that some ponds and streams could dry up completely in the looming drought.

Thames Water announced last week that a hosepipe ban would be imposed from April 5, following one of the driest two-year periods in southern and eastern England since records began.

Since March 2010 the region has had 35cm less rain than normal.

Robbin Buxton, of the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum, said: "It is still March and there is still dew and frost – so the land does not have an appearance of drought.

"At the moment, the really critical thing is standing water. I am worried about species that live in or around them.

"I am concerned about species such as toads, frogs, newts and even dragonflies, because their eggs or larvae all live in the water."

Wildlife warden Alan Hart said: "Normally we have a lot of frogs spawning – but not this year.

"We have got two large ponds and one smaller one and there is nothing in any of them."

In its latest briefing on the drought, the Environment Agency said that after the recent "welcome" rain, the past week had been the driest in England and Wales for around six months.

No more than a few millimetres of rain fell across the country, with the South East region receiving the most rain in the week – just 4mm.

Debbie Lewis, of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and

Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "There is very little that we can do, because obviously we cannot make it rain."

But Alexis Pym, of the Earth Trust, felt the county's wildlife would be able to adapt to the dry weather.

She said: "The only impact I have seen is lower levels in ponds. But wildlife is quite adaptable and while there are still rivers and streams, they will find a way to survive."

On Monday, the Environment Agency warned that, in drought-affected areas, it was likely some streams, ponds and shallow lakes would dry up.

Alistair Driver, Environment Agency national conservation manager, said: "The amount of water that we use at home and in our businesses has a direct effect on the amount of water available in our rivers and for wildlife.

"We would urge all water users to use it wisely to help protect our valuable natural environment."



Bbowt reserves ecology manager Debbie Lewis

InBRIEF

Charity run

■ BANBURY-based charity Dogs for the Disabled has only a few spaces left on the Great North Run. The charity, which provides assistance dogs for those with disabilities, is looking for people to run the race on its behalf and raise valuable funds. The 13.1m run is on Sunday, September 16. Details: call 01295 252600 or email run@dogsforthe-disabled.org

OAPs cautioned

■ PEOPLE as old as 78 have been cautioned for possessing cannabis, new figures show. One 78-year-old was cautioned in 2006, figures covering the Thames Valley Police area show. The figures reveal the age group with the most cautions, including intent to supply, was 18-year-olds. There were some 1,568 cautions from 2000 to 2011. A total of 26 over-60s were cautioned during this time.

New website

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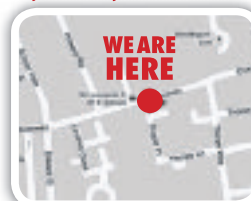
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Musical salute to his hero

THEY say you should never meet your heroes. Not least if you make a living impersonating him. And you're drunk.

Mike Hall cringes at the memory. "We were at an Eric Clapton concert at the NEC and it's safe to say we'd had a fair few drinks," says Mike, in his dulcet Geordie tones.

"And of course, the way I look, my

By Liz Nicholls

mates dared me to get backstage.

"The doorman said: 'Come in, Mr Clapton,' and there I was with him! I said nothing sensible, either on that occasion or another at the Albert Hall.

"I wish I'd met him sober! He was a nice guy but I can't remember much. I

will forever be embarrassed."

However, either Clapton wasn't bothered by his doppelganger's tipsiness or he was so bowled over by his electrifying voice and strumming style that he became a fan, later sending him a message of encouragement scribbled on a Concorde menu.

And Mike, whose sell-out outfit, Classic Clapton, return to The Mill next Saturday, is sending a tentative invitation to Old Slowhand just in case he wants to pop in to the gig on his birthday weekend.

"Ahh, he's more than welcome. He's on the guest list," says Mike. "I'd love to play on stage with him. We could play *Layla* – my favourite."

Mike first saw Eric in the 60s at the Club A GoGo in Newcastle at the tender age of 14. He was so moved that he immediately formed a band with schoolmates.

"Prior to Clapton, people played the guitar like Hank Marvin," says Mike. "But he made it powerful. And loud. And distorted. It stayed with me."

After seeing Clapton play at Live Aid in 1985, Mike put an advert in the paper asking for a keyboard player, a bass player and a drummer to get in touch. He had three convenient replies, creating After Midnight, and the band – with Neil Cochrane, Dave Robson and Brian Johnson – are still rocking the crowds 27 years later.

"We started off as a cover

band. We'd do Dire Straits and the Beatles," says Mike. "But immediately, covers of Eric got a following. We'd get hundreds instead of dozens.

"Everyone else was playing Tamla Motown and I think there were a lot of ageing hippies, who like us wanted guitar.

"It mushroomed. We saw the same faces along every night."

The fact that Mike bore an uncanny resemblance to Clapton was a blessing. "I didn't go out of my way to look like him," says Mike. But in the '70s and '80s, barely a day would go by without someone remarking on it.

"A taxi driver even pulled up when I was in Regent Street and said 'Ello Eric!'"

The tight unit have played Glastonbury and Liverpool's Cavern Club and won accolades far beyond the tribute-band league. But is Mike not hampered by using his talent to imitate instead of create his own music? "I don't get frustrated at all. I have zero talent when it comes to songwriting – unlike our bass player,"

says Mike. "I'm extremely good at copying – that's why I don't sing in a Geordie accent! And I love the gigs.

"Last time at Banbury was great. It's an intimate venue and I like to go for a mingle afterwards. I like the fact that we'll get people of all ages. There'll be a young lad who's learning the guitar and some older people from back in the day."

The crowd-pleasing set features hits from the 19-Grammy master's Yardbirds days, through Cream, and his newer solo material, with an unplugged section too, and is unmissable for Clapton fans.

"We do all of his hits and know what the audience want. It gets them singing. The only difference I would say you get is that our gigs are slightly more upbeat than Eric's. He's very serious about his music but we're copying, so we have fun with it."

■ Classic Clapton is at The Mill, Banbury, on Saturday, March 31. Call 01295 279 002 for tickets.

Mike Hall pictured in action – or is it Eric Clapton?



An artist in great demand

■ DESCRIBED by "Whispering" Bob Harris as a "superb guitarist reminiscent of John Martyn", Sean Taylor is an artist in great demand. So we are lucky indeed to have him playing a very intimate venue, just up the road.

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■ MITCH Laddie is well on his way to becoming a blues legend.

Accomplished beyond his years, and hailed as a genius by the likes of Walter Trout, he combines elements of jazz, funk and pop along with the blues to create a sound that's uniquely his own.

Mitch's career can be traced back to the old showbiz saying "break a leg" – because that's exactly how it all started for him.

Forced to spend time in hospital

at the age of 12, he whiled away the hours learning to play guitar seriously. His father would bring him in a new piece on each visit and Mitch would go for it.

He had been playing before then, however – from childhood. In fact, and it wasn't long before he got attracted to the "devil's music".

"Players like Stevie Ray Vaughan really pulled me over to the blues; I mean the emotion he displays in his playing is extraordinary," he says. "The older guys too, players like Albert Collins and BB King can flatten you with one note. You just don't get that with a lot of other types of music. It can really hit you hard."

Banburyshire music fans get a few chances to see Mitch and his three-piece band at local venues – with gigs at the Bullingdon, Cowley Road, Oxford, on Monday; The Stables, Milton Keynes, on April 3, and The Assembly, Leamington, on April 28. What the heck... go to them all. We plan to! Contact the venues for tickets.



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Dexter excels with gritty UK drama

WILD BILL (15, 98 mins)
Drama/Romance. Charlie Creed-Miles, Will Poulter, Liz White, Sammy Williams, Olivia Williams, Leo Gregory, Neil Maskell, Iwan Rheon, Jaime Winstone, Jason Flemyng, Andy Serkis. Director: Dexter Fletcher.

Actor Dexter Fletcher makes an assured directorial debut with a gritty tale of retribution and reconciliation, shot largely on the mean streets of east London.

While there may be dodgy geezers and explosions of graphic violence, not to mention some cheeky one-liners, *Wild Bill* isn't another tepid crime caper in the mould of *Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels*.

Fletcher and co-writer Danny King fashions a story of family strife and bad choices that propels the narrative into the same dark realms as the Michael Caine revenge thriller *Harry Brown*.

Charlie Creed-Miles and Will Poulter anchor the film with terrific performances as a penitent parent and enraged son, torn apart by a lengthy prison spell.

"I felt bad about missing your birthday," pleads the former-con father.

"Which one?" coldly snaps the teenager.

At 98 minutes long, it's an exceedingly lean first effort and even though some of the characters are undernourished, *Wild Bill* marks

Fletcher as a talent to watch out for behind the camera, as well as in front of it.

After an eight-year stretch, Bill Hayward (Creed-Miles) is granted parole and he nervously returns to the tower block he shared with his family.

Bill discovers that his ex-wife has abandoned their two children: 15-year-old Dean (Poulter) and 11-year-old Jimmy (Sammy Williams).

The older boy is working illegally on a building site to keep food on the table.

Bill accidentally reveals to his case worker (Olivia Williams) that his boys have been home alone for months and social workers Helen (Jaime Winstone) and John (Jason Flemyng) descend with the intention of taking the minors into care.

So Dean hurriedly blackmails his father into staying around long enough to keep the authorities off their back.

However, when one of the lads gets into trouble with thug Terry (Leo Gregory) and his goons (Neil Maskell, Iwan Rheon), Bill must risk everything to protect his emotionally battered brood.

Wounds are gradually salved with the minimum sickly sentiment, and Fletcher finds moments of beauty amid the grime.

The screenplay is laced with mordant humour, like when a pint-sized messenger confirms a rendezvous time with Bill.



Leo Gregory, playing Terry, in a scene from the film, *Wild Bill*

Dean asks suspiciously: "What does he want?" "Shooting!" replies Bill with an impish grin.

Guns and baseball bats are out in force for the grim denouement that replicates a classic Western saloon showdown with a stand-off in a deserted boozier.

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St Mary's Church, Horsefair,

Banbury: Banbury Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert. 7.30pm. 7.30pm. £10, child £4, family £25. 01608 645589.

SUNDAY:

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Social Club, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney: Charlie Chaplin. 7.15pm. £4, members £2. 01295 721220.

The Blue Boar, Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton: Nikki Loy. Free. 5-8pm. 01608 643525.

Cinema

Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, 12A, daily 4.45, 7.30pm, Wed 10.45am (subtitled Tue 7.30pm). The Hunger Games, 12A, Sat 11.30am*, Fri-Thu 2.30*, 5.30*, 8.30pm*. The Devil Inside, 15, daily 2pm. Senior Screen: Mission Impossible - Ghost Protocol, 12A, Wed 11am*, ends 1.30pm. Odeon Kids: Mr Popper's Penguins, U, Sat doors 10.30am, film 11am, ends 12.49pm. (NB: cinema may refuse admission to guests arriving

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BANBURY were plunged into the Premier Division relegation fight following their defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Swindon Supermarine.

The home side's opening goal should have been pulled back for offside, and Banbury were denied a penalty, but they cannot blame this defeat solely on officials. Too often their front two were left isolated, while the side also failed to make the most of Ricky Johnson's aerial prowess.

Manager Ady Fuller's cause was not helped by the late withdrawal of Simeon Williams and Dan Chilton.

Johnson and Josh Blake, who hit the bar, went close before Swindon took the lead.

Bradley Gray appeared well offside when he received a clearance, but he was allowed

Swindon Supermarine	2
(Stanley 26, Etheridge 88)	
Banbury United	0

to cross to the far post where Nick Stanley smashed home.

In the second half, Blake was brought down in the penalty area, but no foul was given.

Banbury threw everything at Swindon in the closing moment, but Max Etheridge sealed it for the hosts with a breakaway goal. Banbury Thackeray, Emery, Kinch, Cole, Johnson, Blake, Polk (Angus 44). Subs not used: Richardson, Lamb, Fuller. Attendance: 173.



Ricky Johnson's aerial prowess failed to save Banbury from a 2-0 defeat

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22 **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19
An interesting journey is indicated which will give you plenty of understanding the reasons behind their recent strange behaviour. Help you plan at this time prove exciting and can also help you to get closer to someone you've been drifting apart from of late. Call now to hear how Saturn favours proposals.

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A close one appears to be particularly attentive and you should show them your appreciation. Don't let an ex encroach on the decisions you make for your future. That was then and this is now Leo. Flirtations take a turn for the serious this weekend but just make sure you know which direction you want this union to move in. Give me a call now to hear why family are so prominent this month.

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Merging the old and new

By Gill Oliver

A COUNTRY cottage, embracing more than 400 years of history, has come on the market in north Oxfordshire.

Top Thatch, in Hempton, near Deddington, dates back to the 16th century and is Grade II-listed, acknowledging its architectural significance.

Period features include an inglenook log burner, dining room with flagstone floor and a stone dairy for storage.

But while the three-bedroom property is steeped in tradition, it has been refurbished to the highest standard.

The accommodation includes a hall, dual aspect sitting room, dining room, a kitchen with a Rayburn cooker and a cloakroom. Upstairs there are three double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Naturally there are extensive rural views across open countryside, while the property itself boasts a garden stretching to 90 feet.

Outside there is also a

traditional stone shed as well as covered parking in a car port and an additional gravelled area.

The cottage is situated in Hempton, between the larger villages of Deddington and Bloxham and is well situated for commuting to Banbury, Bicester, Milton Keynes and Oxford.

Top Thatch is on the market for £379,000.

For more information or to book a viewing call Max Douglas on 01608 644 000 or visit www.maxwelldouglas.co.uk



An exterior picture of Top Thatch, Hempton, and, inset, the lounge. The cottage is on the market for £379,000



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Friend of family given fresh face

By David Duffy

PEUGEOT'S pitch into the value-for-money people carrier market, the Partner Tepee, is about to get a long-awaited lift.

The versatile vehicle, is about the same size as a compact hatchback, but offers a whopping amount of interior space. And it's that family-friendly ability to cope with whatever is thrown at it, that has made it a hit. Chunky, spacious and economical, the Spanish-built Partner Tepee is about to get its biggest makeover since it was launched almost four years ago.

Coming soon is an updated modern appearance, latest generation, low-emission engines and a boost in equipment levels.

The existing model, tested here, already comes with some state-of-the-art equipment, not least a diesel engine fitted with latest stop-start technology.

Couple that power plant with a six-speed automatic transmission, which can be operated from steering wheel-mounted paddles and you have a car that is not only frugal, but supremely easy to manage in and around town.

Its van origins are evident the second you sit behind the wheel, but that's not to say travelling in a Tepee is a spartan experience, or lacking in goodies.

Far from it. On the technology front, there is a speed limiter/cruise control, for convenience there is hill-start assistance and for safety there is an electronic stability program combined with traction control.

Some of the extras fitted neatly illustrate the technology and levels of luxury that are available, so £160 delivers automatic lights and rain-sensing wipers, automatic air conditioning (£650) and a USB connection with Bluetooth phone link (£210) for those who want it.

The Tepee is fitted as standard with a rear bench seat that can be folded (two thirds – one third), folded forwards against the front seats or removed completely. A set-up with three individual rear seats is also available. Fitted with a curved headrest and a reclining back, each seat can be easily folded or removed.

A tray with two cup-holders is built into the back of the centre seat



SPACIOUS: The versatile Partner Tepee's key attribute is a huge amount of useful space

which, once folded, can be used as a table between the two outer seats. There are also folding "airline" style trays attached to the backs of the passenger and driver's seats.

The car's ace in the hole is space. Oodles of it. In the passenger compartment, there are extra glove boxes on top of the fascia, two storage areas under the air vents in the central fascia panel, an optional 13-litre centre storage console, and overhead storage areas above the passenger and driver's head.

The new model was unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show and went on sale this month.

Auto facts

Model: Peugeot Partner Tepee S e-HDi
Price: £15,295
Insurance group: 3E (1-50)
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A selection of past F1 cars will also be on display, including the 2007 McLaren, which was the first car Lewis Hamilton drove in competitive F1, and Mika Hakkinen's 1999 championship-winning McLaren.

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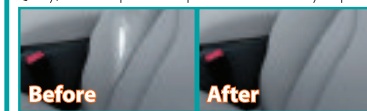
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£500 ono

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Estate, 2005,
silver, 1.8Cc
Engine, Diesel,
Manual, very
clean condition,
reliable car

07979 337443

£1850

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2.0i ES, 5dr,
Auto, [AC],
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1973Cc Engine,
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Automatic, A/C,
Airbag, ABS,
C/L, E/M, E/W,
PAS, RC/L,
S/R, 11 months
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year new tow
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Coupe, July
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Solid black,
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balance of
warranty,

01869 247204
evenings

£11,000

Nissan

NISSAN PRIMERA ACTIV 1.8

5 door
hatchback,
2002 (02),
1769cc, petrol,
air con, alloys
PAS, CL, 12
months MOT,
taxed till July,
1 owner from
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condition,
95,000 miles

01225 351044

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history, lovely
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out, tax until May,
MOT until Nov

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petrol, PAS,
ABS, 24000
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01/07/12, tax
01/05/12.

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1.6i Auto, 5
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player, s/history,
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MOT/tax Oct 12,
good condition,
43000 miles

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£4,650

Honda

HONDA ACCORD



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air con, alarm,
alloys, C/RL, s/roof,
FSH, MOT June
2012, tax April 2012,
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01225 790323

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good condition

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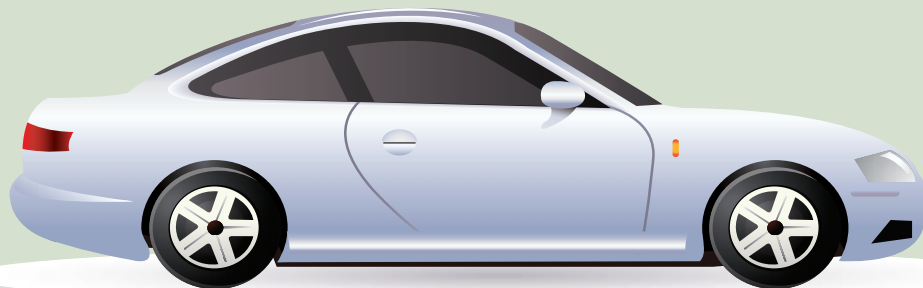
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